THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Status of railway projects for Jharkhand

†1730. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the railway projects sanctioned for Jharkhand;

(b) the quantum of amount allotted for the railway projects of Jharkhand for the ongoing financial year; and

(c) by when the work pertaining to changing of Meter gauge rail line into Broad gauge rail line at Ranchi-Lohardaga rail line is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The status of various ongoing projects falling fully or partly in Jharkhand, their anticipated cost, expenditure incurred upto 31.3.2004, outlay for 2004-05 and the target date of completion, wherever fixed are given as under:

Sl. No.	Name of project	Anticipated cost (Rs. in cr.)	Anticipated Expenditure upto 31.3.2004 (Rs. in cr.)	Outlay 2004-2005 (Rs. in cr.)	Current Status/Target date for completion wherever fixed
			NEW LINES		
1.	Deogarh-Dumka (60 kms.)	180.72	33.51	15.00	Land acquisition, earthwork and bridge work are in progress. Work is targeted for completion during 2006-07. 2 / 3rd cost of the project is being shared by Jharkhand Govemment.
2.	Deogarh-Sultanganj, Banka-Barahat and Banka-Bhitiah Road (147 kms.)	312.00	42.86	8.00	Final location survey, land acquisition and bridge works are in progress. Banka-Baraha (13 kms.) is targeted for completion during 2004-05.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sl. No.	Name of project	Anticipated cost (Rs. in cr.)	Anticipated Expenditure upto 31.3.2004 (Rs. in cr.)	Outlay 2004-2005 (Rs. in cr.)	Current Status/Target date for completion wherever fixed
3.	Mandarhill-Rampurhat *via* Dumka (130 kms.)	254.07	57.43	10.00	Land acquisition proceedings are presently in progress. Work of earthwork, bridges and other activities are in progress. Jharkhand Government is sharing part cost of the work.
4.	Giridih-Koderma (105 kms.)	371.36	78.71	15.00	Land acquisition, earthwork and bridge works are in progress on Koderma-Maheshpur section. Work is targeted for completion during 2006-07. 2/3rd cost of the project is being shared by Jharkhand Government.
5.	Koderma-Ranchi (189 kms.)	1033.00	215.24	50.00	Work taken up in phases. Land acquisition completed on Koderma-Hazaribagh Town. Earthwork and bridge works are in progress in entire length. Work is targeted for completion during 2006-07. 2/3rd cost of the project is being shared by Jharkhand Government.
6.	Koderma-Tilaiya (68 kms.)	307.71	7.53	15.00	Land acquisition, earthwork and bridgeworks are in progress. The part cost is being shared by Jharkhand Government.
			GAUGE CONVERSION		
1.	Ranchi-Lohardaga with extension to Tori (113 kms.)	185.32	44.43	17.34	Works are in an advance stage of completion and conversion of the line is targeted for completion during 2004-05. 2/3rd cost of the project is being shared by Jharkhand Government.
			DOUBLING		
1.	Goelkera-Manoharpur 3rd line (Chakradharpur-Bondamunda) (40 kms.)	186.92	1.97	0.01	Work has been given low operational priority.

(c) The work is targeted for completion during 2004-05.